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in combination with other references. It is noted that each of the independent Claims 1, 5 and 9 require a body, a driving head and a removal head that is external of the body and located between the driving head and body. The Office action indicates that Fig. 12 of Gourney illustrates the removal head between the body and the driving head. This is urged to be an incorrect interpretation of the Gourney disclosure. Specifically, in Gourney the body is the nut 34 with faceted surfaces on the outside for removal. That is, the body and the removal structure are the same and, therefore, the removal head cannot be located between the body and the driving head. In other embodiments such as in Fig. 1, the body 5 has an internal aperture with a removal "print". In neither case is there a removal head located between the body and the driving head, but rather in each case the removal structure is part of the body.

Reference is made in the action to column 4 line 46 to 52 of Gourney which simply suggests various "imprints" for internal or external gripping and in no way suggest placement of a removal head between the body and the driving head. It is also noted that none of the other references teach such a placement.

Consequently, it is urged that independent Claims 1, 5 and 9, along with the claims that depend from them are allowable over Gourney and the other cited art. It is specifically urged that

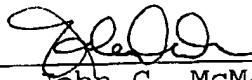
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it is not obvious or readily apparent to place the removal head as claimed and such non obviousness is illustrated by the fact that Gourney has many embodiments, but places the removal structure on the body in all of his different embodiments.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by phone if prosecution of this application can be expedited thereby.

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